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SUBJECT: MICULESCU INVITATION TO BERGLAND AND RESPONSE

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ANGELO MICULESCU, GOR MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, TO SECRETARY BERGLAND WAS PRESENTED TO
USDA JULY 13 BY NICODIN DAIAN, DIRECTOR, EXPORT-IMPORT AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION, GOR MIN AGR:

MR. ROBERT BERGLAND
SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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YOUR EXCELLENCY: IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME, NOT ONLY
TO REMARK THAT THE COOPERATION RELATIONS, IN THE FIELD OF
AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
S.R. OF ROMANIA HAVE WITNESSED AN EVER GROWING DEVELOPMENT,
BUT ALSO, TO STRESS THAT THERE ARE STILL REAL POSSIBILITIES
TO EXPAND THEM FOR THEM FOR THE FUTURE.
TO THE EXTENSION OF THESE COOPERATION PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE

HAVE CONTRIBUTED THE CONTACTS WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY, THE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ACHIEVED AMONG US ON THE OCCASION OF RECIPROCAL VISITS, AS WELL AS, DIRECT MEETINGS AT DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL REUNIONS.

FOLLOWING THE DESIRE TO FIND NEW AND MORE EFFICIENT MEANS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, IN THE TWO COUNTRIES

MAY I INVITE YOUR EXCELLENCY TO PAY A VISIT TO THE S.R. OF ROMANIA TOGETHER WITH YOUR WIFE AND 2 OR 3 COLLABORATORS, DURING SEPTEMBER 1977. DURING OUR TALKS IN BUCHAREST, I SHOULD PROPOSE TO DISCUSS AND MATERIALIZE A PROGRAMME WITH A VIEW TO A BETTER TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR MINISTRIES.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN MAKE THIS VISIT AND LET ME KNOW IN TIME THE DATE OF YOUR ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST.

WAITING FORWARD FOR THE PLEASANT MEETING, PLEASE, ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. YOURS FAITHFULLY, DR. ANGELO MICULESCU, VICE MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT SECRETARY BERGLAND'S RESPONSE
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TO MINISTER MICULESCU AS FOLLOWS:
HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. ANGELO MICULESCU
VICE PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

DEAR MR. MINISTER: IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF JULY 13. I AGREE WITH YOUR OBSERVATION THAT RECENT YEARS HAVE WITNESSED A VIRTUAL BLOSSOMING OF AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY IN AGRICULTURAL TRADE. THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR EXPANSION OF THESE RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROTOCOLS ON COOPERATION AND TRADE IN AGRICULTURE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE WAS SUCCESSFUL, AND THAT PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL DATA. I AM PLEASED TO LEARN OF THIS PROGRESS, AS WE PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE PROTOCOLS. HOPEFULLY WE CAN NOW MOVE AHEAD ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROTOCOLS.

IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO INVITE MRS. BERGLAND AND ME TO VISIT

ROMANIA THIS FALL. AS I TOLD AMBASSADOR NICOLAE, I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR COUNTRY, LEARNING ABOUT YOUR AGRICULTURE, AND MEETING YOU. ONE OF THE PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING IN MANILA WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH COUNTERPARTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. AS YOU NOTED, SUCH EXCHANGES CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

MINISTER MICULESCU, I AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION AT THIS TIME. FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, YOU WILL RECALL THE MANY PRESSURES ON A NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. PERHAPS YOU CAN REASSURE ME THAT THESE PRESSURES DIMINISH OVER TIME; I INTEND TO ACCEPT YOUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVITATION AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, AND WILL CONTACT YOU ACCORDINGLY.
SINCERELY,
/SIGNED/
BOB BERGLAND
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

3. IN AMBASSADOR BARNES MEETING WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND, THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED GENUINE INTEREST IN VISITING ROMANIA, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FAO CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER. SECRETARY BERGLAND'S PROGRAM FOR THIS TRIP IS NOT COMPLETE. USDA WILL INFORM EMBASSY BUCHAREST PROMPTLY OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD. VANCE

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